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RUSSIANS FIRE AT U.S. PLANE

Vienna, April 23.
In full view of a large crowd of American correspondents and army personnel at Tulln airport outside Vienna, four Russian fighter planes fired shots off the wing of a United States army C47 transport plane as it came in for a landing yesterday.

Four crewmen supported the statement of the pilot, Capt. James Baxter, that the Russians fired between two and four 37-millimeter cannon shots and the fighters followed the transport to the field and left after the wheels of the American plane touched the ground.

The incident occurred just half an hour before another plane bearing a party of 14 touring American publishers and editors landed. —Associated Press.

CHINESE FIRE ON FRENCH

Paris, Apr. 23.
Twelve French soldiers were killed and 20 injured in a shooting incident at Hanoi, chief city of Tonkin, in Northern Indo-China, according to a French News Agency report from Hanoi today.

Some of the injured are gravely hurt and it is feared that there are also some civilian victims.

The French report stated that Chinese troops fired on French soldiers and a crowd of people after a collision of French and Chinese lorries in the heart of the city.

Three other lorries filled with Chinese soldiers arrived on the scene and without warning, the report added, opened fire on unarmed French soldiers and on the crowd.

A French patrol arrived half an hour later, dispersing the Chinese who continued shooting from windows and rooftops for some time until an order to cease fire was given by the Chinese Commander after a protest from the French Commander. —Reuter.

Associated Press quotes the Paris Radio as saying that 15 (not 12) were killed and 20 wounded, and that the trouble ended only when the French made a "forceful representation" to the Chinese command.

Millions Of Children In Need Of Food

Cairo, April 23.
Between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 children in Europe need food. "It is a vital problem still unsolved," Maurice Pato, advisor to Herbert Hoover on child problems, reported today. Pato is a New York investment banker who started a child feeding programme after World War I.

In a report to Hoover he described child health and food conditions in Poland, Finland, Sweden, Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia and Greece.

"In the present food-deficient countries on the continent," Pato's report states, "there are approximately 40,000,000 children from infants to 18 years of age living in urban communities."

"Your estimate that over 20,000,000 of these children are underfed and require supplementary feeding seems to the low side. From the data gathered in various countries which we have surveyed, I estimate that as a result of war, mass killings, vast enforced migrations and famine, there are today no less than 11,000,000 orphans and half of the orphans are in Europe."

HONG KONG'S "D-DAY" Resumption Of Civil Govt. On May 1st Governor Due The Day Before

United

Biarritz, Apr. 23.
M. Pierre Schmitter, French Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a speech here today at a ceremony at which a monument to Queen Victoria and King Edward VII was unveiled, said that regardless of past quarrels which had divided France and Britain, the two countries were now united.

"They will travel the same road together," he continued.

"If, during the 1914-18 war, Anglo-French brotherhood became strong, I am certain that the ties will be stronger following the recent conflict."

—Reuter.

Spain's "Secret Plan 27"

New York, Apr. 22.
The Chief-of-Staff of the Spanish Army, Gen. Jose Aizpuru, denied on his arrival in New York today that "secret plan 27" was a threat to France in any way, as was alleged at the United Nations Security Council.

He said that the plan, which was reported to have been turned over to the Security Council's Polish delegate, Oscar Lange, by Spanish republicans to support Polish charges of Spanish aggression, was a strictly defensive measure.

Aizpuru said he was on his way to Cuba for personal affairs and had no official business in the United States. —Associated Press.

The Months Ahead Are Critical

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23.
PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN DECLARED TODAY, "THE EMERGENCY WHICH UNRRA IS DESIGNED TO MEET CONTINUES. THE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD ARE CRITICAL."

THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS MADE IN A LETTER ACCOMPANYING THE SIXTH UNRRA REPORT TO CONGRESS. BOTH THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND THE "SECTION OF THE REPORT DEALING WITH THE 'JOB STILL TO BE DONE' STRESS THE GREAT UNFINISHED TASK, AND OVERSHADOW THE STATEMENTS ON THE ORGANIZATION'S ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1945.

"World recovery still remains formidable," the President's letter asserted. "Only concerted action by the United Nations—and primarily of the producing

countries—can even at this date avert prolongation of the emergency conditions throughout the world."

The President said: "Now more than ever intensified efforts are required of us. We must not fail. Conscious of the demands we will meet in full measure our obligations, because prudence and self-interest no less dictate our policy."

"Neither peace nor prosperity can be assured if we fail. Relief and rehabilitation are paramount in the world programme for world recovery, which is the primary objective of our national policy. They provide the best insurance against social chaos and total disintegration and the surest guarantee for the growth of democratic modes of thought and action."

Critical Period
"The emergency which UNRRA is designed to meet continues. The few months ahead are critical."

Meanwhile, \$1,000,000, worth of surplus United States Army food in Alaska, including cereals, flour, dehydrated vegetables and eggs and tinned goods, to be distributed to famine threatened areas in Europe and Asia, the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. J. H. Krug, said today.

He added that the Department of the Interior was taking immediate action to find out whether additional relief could be provided for surplus in Hawaii and Puerto Rico, stating that the first movement of supplies was being expedited.

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POLICEMAN STABBED

Oxford, April 23.
Five police forces are hunting for two men, following the stabbing of an Oxford City policeman, Clifford Dunkley, in an Air Raid shelter yesterday morning.

For a radius of ten miles round Oxford, the police have been stopping every car. Dunkley had been investigating a burglary at the Single Tree Day Nursery in Rose Hill and entered a shelter nearby.

He found two men sleeping there and it is alleged that in the struggle which followed their effort to escape the policeman was stabbed. Though badly hurt, Dunkley gave chase but collapsed. He was operated on in Radcliffe Infirmary and was reported today to be improving.

It is believed that the two suspects are Borstal boys and may be making towards London. —Reuter.

It is expected that H.E. the Governor, Sir Mark Young, will arrive at Kai Tak Aerodrome on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 30.

There will be a brief military ceremony at Kai Tak and at Queen's Pier before Sir Mark proceeds to Government House.

Attendance at the handing over ceremony on Wednesday next will be by invitation with which will be issued an official car pass to be attached to the windscreen of the guests' cars.

The ceremony will be broadcast over Z.B.W. and Z.E.K. It is expected that the formalities of handing over the Government will be completed by 11.15 a.m.

In the afternoon, H.E. the Governor will drive through the City of Victoria and later through Kowloon.

The routes will be announced later. For the information of any friends who wish to say goodbye to him, the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, will be leaving the Colony the same afternoon, departing from Queen's Pier at 2.30 p.m.

It will facilitate matters if those who have invitation cards for the morning ceremony will retain them for use in the afternoon.

On the day following his arrival and which will be known officially as D-Day, the change of government will take place and the Governor's flag will be flown from Government House. At the same time Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, Commander-in-Chief, Hong Kong, will transfer his flag to the cruiser H.M.S. Argonaut.

A salute of 17 guns from H.M.S. Tyne will mark the beginning of the civil administration and 15 guns will be fired as Vice-Admiral Harcourt leaves Queen's Pier for his ship.

Special guards of honour to mark the occasion will be mounted at the pier by the Services. Over 200 officers and men will take part, including detachments of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Commandos and Jaipur Guards.

Two Killed In Italian Prison Rioting

Rome, April 23.
The area round San Vittore, where convicts are mutinying, took on the aspect of a battlefield tonight as reinforcements of tanks, armoured cars, troops and Carabinieri moved in to take up positions for a great night attack.

So far, 2 people have been killed, and 20 wounded. Inside the gaol, rioting convicts, who now control the whole building, are threatening to kill 25 hostages whom they captured from the prison personnel if the attack takes place.

The rioters, who are led by the famous bandit, Barbieri, have agreed that Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, should talk with them, but so far the Archbishop has not made an appearance.

The riot, which began yesterday afternoon, was approaching its climax tonight, when it is expected a determined move will be made by the authorities to clear up the situation. —Reuter.

Reward

London, Apr. 23.
Insurance assessors believe that they may have to offer a reward exceeding £10,000 for the 14 art treasures, including Queen Anne Boleyn's prayer book, stolen early on Sunday from the home of Colonel J. Astor near Edenbridge, Kent.

This would more than match the record of £10,000 offered eight years ago for the recovery of five old masters valued at £80,000 also stolen from a Kentish castle collection. —Associated Press.

MUSSOLINI'S CORPSE STOLEN

Milan, April 23.
Municipal authorities here reported today that the body of Benito Mussolini, former leader of Italy, was removed during the night from Maggiora Cemetery by "unknown persons." The authorities said an inquiry to ascertain those responsible is underway.

The discovery was made by workers who went into the cemetery to exhume other bodies. Mussolini was buried in a pauper's grave there soon after his execution by partisans near the Swiss border in April, 1945. The bodies of his mistresses, Clara Petacci, and five Frenchmen who were all executed at the same time were buried together in his grave.

Mussolini was captured on the shores of Lake Como after attempting to escape into Switzerland. After a summary trial, he and the others were shot. The bodies were then brought to Milan for exhibition and hung up in the public square. —Associated Press.

Boston, Apr. 23.
Two engineers were killed, a third critically injured and approximately 300 passengers injured today in a collision of two passenger trains. Railroad officials said one of the trains ran past stop signals. —Associated Press.

Senate Asked To Approve Loan

Washington, April 23.
Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, today asked unrestricted Senate approval of the British loan "for the sake of American welfare in a peaceful world."

He said he had reached "the reluctant decision that the bill should pass for the sake of America."

The Michigan senator described approval of the bill as a gigantic speculation but he added that not to pass the bill might be an even worse speculation.

Before the session, Alben W. Barkley, the Democratic leader, said he had no intention of displacing the loan bill with draft extension legislation unless the final vote is unexpectedly delayed until within a few days of May 15, the expiration date of the draft law.

Supporters of the loan, heading fresh signs of Democratic opposition to the measure, had been counting heavily on Vandenberg's backing.

Vandenberg said the loan represented whether the United States will accept economic as well as moral leadership in stabilizing the world, which he said must be stabilized for America as well as for other countries. He predicted that the whole structure of international financial arrangements would inevitably begin to crumble if the British were denied the loan. —Associated Press.

RE-ESTABLISHING OF COMPANY RECORDS

A COMMITTEE FORMED BY THE CHIEF LEGAL ADVISER, COLONEL C. E. STRICKLAND—UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF H. E. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF—SIR CECIL HARCOURT, K.C.B., C.B.E.,—HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING WAYS AND MEANS OF RE-ESTABLISHING AND RE-CONSTITUTING THE RECORDS OF COMPANIES WHICH WERE LOST OR DESTROYED DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION.

SOME COMPANIES HAVE THEIR OWN RECORDS OR ARE ABLE TO RECONSTRUCT THEM BUT PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE OF THE RECORDS AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES HAVE GONE.

It was on account of this loss and to ascertain the extent to which companies were in a position to furnish duplicate records that the Acting Registrar of Companies published an advertisement calling upon companies to furnish particulars concerning their records.

A further advertisement, to similar effect, is published in page 5 of this issue and those companies who have not already complied are urged to do so forthwith.

During the occupation many share certificates have been destroyed, lost or passed into unauthorised hands. The certificates have, in many cases, just been treated as waste paper. The situation is complicated by reason of the practice existing in Hong Kong of passing shares from one to another accompanied by a blank signed transfer form. In this way, even if the company's own share register is complete, the registered proprietor may be a person who parted with the shares years previously and who is now without any means of knowledge as to who the rightful possessor of the shares is.

Interim Statement
It is understood that the Committee will be making recommendations shortly to the Administration as to the best methods of dealing with the situation.

An interim statement, however, was released to the Press by the Committee yesterday. This warned those members of the public who are interested in lost share certificates that there are ways and means whereby they can protect their interests, and that full avail should be taken of these remedies. The Administration, it is understood, is reasonably required all that is reasonably required where the existing machinery is inadequate to meet present conditions. (Continued on Page 4)

BRAZIL POLICE HUNT FOR 'THE SHADOW'

Rio de Janeiro, April 23.
New arrests were reported today by the Brazilian police in the cotton township of Marilia in their drive against the Japanese Secret Society, "Shindo Rommie"—an offshoot of the ultra-nationalist "Black Dragon Society" in Japan—which terrorised Japanese settlers in the state of San Paulo.

The police are still hunting for the mysterious man of the Society—Thugulo Kishimoto, known as "The Shadow."

Among the latest arrests is Fukuma Talashi, accused of severely wounding by shot-gun a fellow countryman named Kaneko Shibui, Shibui, who persistently admitted the Allied defeat of Japan, had the day before received a letter saying: "You will be killed at 6 p.m. tomorrow—The Patriotic Japanese Society."

The Shindo Rommie's purpose in trying to convince the 250,000 Japanese in San Paulo that their country is undefeated is to induce them to sabotage crops, badly needed to alleviate the world food shortage.

"The Shadow" has been so successful that he has actually sold passages to Japan and non-existent real estate in "conquered Asia." The police records show that many farm workers have been his victims.

The authorities have great difficulty in obtaining direct clues of Kishimoto's whereabouts as his transactions are usually carried out by a third party.

Small isolated groups of agriculturists in the interior are living in fear of the Shindo Rommie. Many have asked for police protection especially for next Monday night, the birthday of Emperor Hirohito but it is very difficult for the police to watch the whole of San Paulo's 112,000 square miles. —Reuter.

Delegates Told To Resign

Berlin, Apr. 23.
Fourteen delegates elected to the British zone who were elected to the Executive Committee of the new German Socialist Party, formed by the Socialists and Communists in the Russian zone, this morning each received a letter from a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Political Control Commission, ordering them immediately to resign from the Committee.

The letter claimed that all members of the Social Democrat and Communist Parties in the British zone allowed to attend the congress at Hanover during the week-end (which voted unanimously for the fusion of the two parties) did so under the express condition that they went as guests.

The letter called on the delegates to announce their resignation through newsmen. —Reuter.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Fair and warm, with light southerly winds. Yesterday's temperatures: Maximum—59 deg. at 2 p.m. Minimum—76 deg. at 8 a.m. Sunshine—7 hrs. at 8 a.m. Maximum humidity—67 per cent. at 8 a.m.

ADM. HARCOURT'S APPEAL

Practise Economy,
Prevent Waste

Australian Revue

It was expected that the show brought to Hong Kong by Wilfred Thomas, the famous Australian radio comedian, would be good. But it is better than that; it is quality entertainment, burlesque almost from start to finish, but magnificent burlesque, tremendously satisfying. Only if the pernicious microphone were less in evidence could it be made more so, though the artists who make use of it readily earn forgiveness by the charm of their voices.

No-one, of course, would suspect Joe Lawman, who heads the bill, of needing its assistance. Here is a comedian of first rank, seizing every opportunity for good fun, and with so expressively mobile a face that merely to look is to laugh. His is the heaviest burden, but as almost a show in himself, he makes light of the task.

Wilfred Thomas competes with his customary artistry and droll humour, but he does more than that. He reveals himself as an adroit performer in amusing sketches, and his delightful parody on a sentimental love ballad is one of the cleverest items in the programme, without permitting one to overlook the quality of the voice that he was once an outstanding performer with the Westminster Glee Singers.

Marjorie Prowse, baby of the show, warms the audience with charming songs; Barbara Jamaica puts across modern swing in a manner which explains her Australian radio reputation. Dan Hubner instantly had the house joining in her skilfully-played accordion variations on popular airs; and Joy Robins is an admirable partner and foil in Lawman numbers.

An excellent bill also includes Vera Karinska and Ernest Yadie who dance with light grace, as though they like doing it, and it is amusing rather than because they must.

This Australian revue company has been sent to Hong Kong by the British Centre, Sydney, who have this time picked a winner. There is no show this evening, but tomorrow evening and the following two nights, the Revue will continue with its season at the China Fleet Club, going to the R.N.S.A. Star Theatre, Kowloon, next week.

Money Mart

The Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange re-opened for business yesterday after the holidays with rates for both Chinese national currency and gold steady.

Chinese national currency opened at HK\$2.35 to CN\$1,000 for futures and \$2.40 for spot, and closed at \$2.42 and \$2.50 respectively.

Gold opened at \$427 per tael, and after slight fluctuations closed at \$426.

U.S. dollars erupted over the week-end and yesterday large notes were in demand at \$5 and small at \$4.95. English Sterling had buyers at \$17 and Australian pounds at \$12.50.

Foreign currencies that have dropped were Tial notes and Piastre notes. The former, which until quite recently were quoted at \$52 to Tial 100, were sold yesterday at \$33. Piastre notes dropped to \$30 for old and \$27 for new (per Piastres 100).

SHIP BLOWS

Oso, Apr. 23. Fourteen people were killed when the 4,000 ton "Ramona" blew up while lying alongside a quay at Helsingfors, Lofoten Islands, on Easter Sunday. Fourteen of the crew are missing and fifteen more were injured.

The ship, which had been loading salt fish for four days, was lying in a berth which used to be a minefield. It is believed that the explosion was due to a delayed explosion from one of the depth charges which had been dropped to clear the minefield some time ago.—Reuter.

Showing
To-morrow

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JOAN DAVIS—JACK HALEY

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COOPERATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION IN
MEASURES FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE, AND TO
PRACTISE ECONOMY AND PREVENT WASTAGE,
WAS MADE BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, VICE-
ADMIRAL SIR CECIL HARCOURT, IN A BROADCAST
FROM Z.B.W. LAST NIGHT.

ADMIRAL HARCOURT SAID: "LAST WEEK I ATTENDED A FOOD CONFERENCE PRESIDED OVER BY LORD KILLEARN, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS SPECIAL COMMISSIONER IN SOUTH EAST ASIA TO DEAL WITH MANY PROBLEMS, BUT MORE PARTICULARLY WITH THE ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOOD WITH WHICH THE WORLD IS FACED AT PRESENT.

"The Conference was attended by Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, the Supreme Commander, who is in the process of handing over many of his civilian responsibilities to the appropriate civilian authorities, the Governors of the Malayan Union, Singapore, Burma and Ceylon, representatives of Borneo, Siam and French Indo-China, and also representatives of India and Australia.

"This Conference dealt with many things, but I propose to speak to you tonight only of the things which directly affect us here in Hong Kong. Some of you may not know that in order to meet the world shortage of food the Combined Food Boards of the United Nations Organisation, which sits in Washington, allocates all the known supplies of food throughout the world to the various areas. They have to deal with the prospects of famine in Europe, there are the known shortages in China, and in the South East Asia area, and also in India.

"This Combined Food Board has already found it necessary to make cuts in the South East Asia allocation in which Hong Kong is included, and proposals have been made to make further cuts. This matter was one of the questions which the Conference dealt with, and representations were made to the Combined Food Boards, as it was felt that these proposed cuts were made under a misapprehension of the world food situation.

Rice in Siam

"There are two ways in which more food may be made available in South-East Asia, and these are:—
"Firstly, increased allocation from the Combined Food Boards and Secondly, by increasing the supplies from our Area.

"As a result of an examination of the possibilities of increasing the supplies in South East Asia, it became clear that the most effective increase would come from making available the supplies of rice which are at present in Siam. Any increased supplies made available would of course be reported to the Combined Food Boards.

"The increasing of supplies from Siam is a twofold problem. As you know, Siam is a country whose rulers sided with Japan, and therefore, politically it has not been possible to deal with her quite on the same lines as the other areas. Questions of reparations, for instance, have checked the flow of goods of all sorts. There is rice in Siam, but the farmers have been loathe to part with it until they were assured of being paid for it. If rice were to be handed over as reparations, the farmers have at present no confidence that they themselves would receive payment from their own Government. It is hoped, however, that this matter may be settled shortly, and that rice in quite considerable quantity may be available for export from Siam.

Transport Difficulties

"This, however, does not solve the whole problem, as owing to

GOVT. SERVANTS
RETURN

A number of Hong Kong Government servants arrived back in the Colony yesterday from Brisbane in the s.s. "Harvard". They included Frank Brett and W. R. Hillier, of the Harbour Dept.; S. W. George and F. E. Lawrence, of the P.W.D.; and several police officers.

News Of Honour
Came Too Late

It has been disclosed for the first time in Hong Kong that the late Lady Margaret Ho Tung appeared in the 1942 New Year Honours List. She was awarded the O.B.E.

The honour was published in the London newspapers at the time, but owing to the occupation of Hong Kong by the Japanese, the announcement was not known here, nor was it ever published. The Colonial Office recently confirmed the award in reply to a query sent by the Hong Kong Military Administration.

Lady Margaret, herself, was never aware of the honour bestowed on her. She died in Hong Kong, while it was still under Japanese rule, on Feb. 7, 1944.

A memorial service for her was held at "Idlewild", on Feb. 15 of this year.

SNATCH THIEVES

At the Summary Military Court before Mr. W. H. Lathier yesterday, three snatchers were found guilty and convicted. For snatching \$10.95 from a Chinese in Shan Tung Street on April 21, Wu Kau was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Chan Kam Chuen was also sent to prison for two months for snatching \$16.70 from the complainant, Lau Lan, in Shanghai Street on April 20. Inspector Thomas prosecuted.

With Inspector Dow prosecuting, Tam Kwai Sum, summoned for snatching \$130 and a pocket book from Chau To, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

ACCUSED CLAIMS
AN ALIBI

COMPLETE DENIAL OF HIS PRESENCE ON LANTAU ISLAND BETWEEN AUGUST 18 AND 25 WAS MADE BY THE 11TH ACCUSED, L/CPL. ANDO TAKASHI AT THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL YESTERDAY WHEN TESTIFYING IN HIS OWN BEHALF AT THE RESUMED TRIAL OF 14 JAPANESE FOR WAR CRIMES ON THE ISLAND.

Ando stated that he had been sent to Canton on August 7 and did not return to the Kowloon Defence Headquarters until August 23. He remained in the Defence H.Q. until August 26 when he rejoined the Kishi Unit at Tsun Wan.

"Therefore," Ando declared, "I have nothing to do with the alleged offences which had been committed on Lantau between August 18 and 25."

Supporting his claim, two Japanese prisoners of war from Shamshuipo camp were called by the Defence to give evidence. Both witnesses stated that they had known of Ando's transfer to Canton and that they did not see him until August 26 when they were at Tsun Wan.

Not Beaten

Next accused called to testify in his own behalf was the 12th defendant, 1st Class Private Takashi Haruhiko. He told the Court that after the guerrilla attack on his Company, on August 19, he was assigned to guard the Chinese suspects brought in from villages.

He said he saw many of the suspects made to kneel on the ground and others had their hands tied behind their backs. He denied that he had beaten up one of the suspects with a hammer.

Accused admitted, however, that he had struck a few suspects when they attempted to untie their hands and to escape. He said that he was given permission by his superior officer, Lieut. Kishi (1st accused), to strike them if they attempted to escape.

Private Uemura Ginku, 14th accused, said that after the attack he had been performing sentry duty at No. 2 post about 200 metres from the Company's barracks until August 24. Between the night of August 24 and the morning of 25, he was assigned to guard the Chinese suspects in the barracks.

During the period he guarded the suspects, he said they were all in a room inside the barracks and were tied to each other. He

Bail In Extortion
Case Reduced

Bail of \$3,000 in respect of Royal Isaac Fernandez, Inspector of Police, who appeared with three other defendants before a General Military Court yesterday on charges of extortion and accepting bribes, was reduced to bail of \$500 with surety of \$500.

Major A. Lonsdale, appearing for the Crown, said that the prosecution was unable to adduce evidence in support of the extortion and bribery charges as set out in the indictment, but desired to proceed with the case after the substitution of other names and dates in respect of the charges.

The President of the Court, Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, ruled that, in the circumstances, the case be referred to the Legal Adviser for his further consideration with a recommendation that he should advise committal proceedings being taken.

Other Accused

The other three accused in the case are John Charles Stoppa, junk inspector, Yeung Wah-chau, clerk, and Tang Sau-hung, boatman, all Harbour Office employees. Stoppa and Yeung are on bail of \$500.

When the case came up yesterday, Mr. F. H. Losely, appearing for Stoppa, submitted that the indictment charged his client with accepting bribes, none of the individual charges named a sum larger than \$25 and none of these offences, therefore, fell within the schedule setting out the types of offences for direct committal.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, appearing for Fernandez, submitted that the extortion and conspiracy charges brought against his client were not within the schedule to the General Military Court Proclamation setting out the types of offences for direct committal under Article 16 and that, therefore, the cases had been wrongly committed under that article.

Full Statement

The Proclamation and the Rules, Mr. da Silva submitted, necessitated that where no committal evidence had been taken, a full statement of the evidence to be brought against the accused should be furnished by the Crown. This the Crown had failed to do.

"SOS" SIGNAL
PICKED UP

A distress signal was picked up on Monday afternoon from the American merchant ship, S.S. Rainbow, reporting that she had run aground near the Bonin Islands.

The ship appealed for immediate assistance, as she was taking water fast in holds No. 1, 2 and 3.

The S.S. Flying Mist radiolod back that she had altered course and was making full steam at 16½ knots for the "Rainbow's" position. A later message from the damaged ship said that the incoming water was slowly gaining on the pumps.

RE-ESTABLISHING OF
COMPANY RECORDS

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ditions but where remedies exist already and no assistance by new legislation is necessary, shareholders and others are expected to take steps themselves to protect their interests.

It is believed that some persons interested have held back supposing, presumably, that it was advisable to await an announcement of policy by the Administration. These are urged not to delay further.

It is further pointed out that any shareholders who have lost these certificates, whether or not these certificates were accompanied by blank signed transfers, should inform the company of the loss giving all relevant particulars possible.

Ban On Share Transfers

Those persons beneficially entitled to shares who merely held certificates, not in their own names, accompanied by signed transfer forms, and who are no longer in possession of these, should also give notice to the company concerned but there may be cases where the company by its articles is empowered to refuse to give any recognition to such a claim. In such cases, a person should proceed by way of "notice in lieu of distraint". This latter procedure will be available when the Civil Courts re-open.

Arrangements will be made whereby the ban on the transfer of shares will not be lifted until this procedure by way of "notice in lieu of distraint" is available to those who wish to file such a notice.

Both the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Hong Kong Chinese Chamber of Commerce have been supplied with more detailed information as to the remedies of shareholders, and members of these two Chambers who are concerned may obtain such information from them. Alternatively persons affected are advised to consult their solicitors.

Company Practice

The statement released deals also with the position of companies called upon to register transfers when the ban is lifted. It is recommended that all companies should give notice to a shareholder out of whose name shares are sought to be transferred. It is suggested that such notice should allow a registered shareholder two weeks at least within which to object where such shareholder is known to be within the Colony and considerably longer where he is outside the Colony. This practice was as a precautionary measure followed by many companies prior to the war but it is considered advisable that all companies without exception should adhere to such a measure for some considerable time yet to come.

"The main object of issuing this interim statement" a member of the Committee stated, "was to impress upon people that they must not expect to sit back and do nothing. If members of the public have rights and interests to protect, there are remedies available and it is up to those concerned to avail themselves of them."

Owing to an unfortunate breakdown of the redgram, the usual concert of Variety on Records will not be given this evening at the Tio H Services Club, Kowloon. It is hoped to give the concert later in the week and in that case, a further notice will be issued, giving time and programme.

Summoned before Mr. W. H. Lathier on two charges of armed robbery and kidnapping, Lau Kam Sui, fisherman, was committed for trial before the General Court yesterday. Owing to the changing over of Military Administration to Civil Government, the date was fixed. Chief Detective, Inspector Fraser was in charge of the case.

CNAC SERVICE

As from yesterday the CNAO has augmented its passenger service between Hong Kong and Shanghai by the addition of another aircraft. The plane which left yesterday was a C-46 which has accommodation for about 30 passengers.

The addition has been made to cope with the heavy demand for passengers. One plane will leave on Sundays and another on Tuesdays.

"CAMEL" CIGARETTES

The distribution of "Camel" cigarettes to the public at Messrs. Wing On & Co. Ltd., has been stopped for the time being owing to the large disorderly crowd of would-be purchasers. Government offices and commercial firms can now apply by letter for supplies to the Purchasing Dept., 1st floor, Letters must be signed by the head of the Department, and commercial firms must have their Company's chop on applications.

A part-time bus service was resumed yesterday between Tsimshatsui and Hungshom for the convenience of those working at the Hungshom Dock. The bus ran for two hours in the morning, from 7.12 to 9.12 a.m., and for four hours in the afternoon, from 5.42 to 9.42 p.m. The fare is 20 cents a person.

There was a large attendance yesterday at the weekly film meeting of the Hong Kong Rotary Club. The speaker was Mr. D. J. Bosanquet, who gave the second part of his address, entitled "Escape from Shamshuipo."

The recent charity concert staged by the staff and pupils of St. Stephen's Girls College noted a total of CN\$4,200,000 (approx. HK\$10,000) which has been handed over to Bishop Ronald Hall for remittance to the distressed areas in China.

MacArthur Resents All Criticism

British Air Lines In Italy

Washington, Apr. 23. Jack Frye, President of Transworld Airways, today suggested that the Italian Government should revise the exclusive civil aviation franchise it has given the joint Italo-American airline in order to allow for British aviation competition.

Frye told a news conference "We have no objection to competition with British airlines but we are not willing to accept them as partners."

He said the British Government had made many objections to the deal between Transworld and Lince Aerore Italiane because it felt "frozen out" of the potentially profitable Italian airlines business.

Recalling that the Italian Government had given LAI exclusive rights over the principal domestic air routes in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, Frye suggested that if the Italian Government would open parallel routes to the British, Transworld would have no objection.

JAP. WAR TRIALS

Tokyo, Apr. 23. Joseph B. Keenan, chief war crimes prosecutor, yesterday there was a "bare possibility" that wartime Premier Hideki Tojo and other major war criminals may be indicted Saturday at the earliest because of slow translation.

Asked if Emperor Hirohito would be indicted, Keenan said "I have no comment."

Keenan said that the Russians have not asked for any change in specific charges against Tojo and only for technical preamble changes.—Associated Press.

NAGOYA SGT. ON TRIAL

Tokyo, Apr. 23. Sergeant Yasuke Mantani, who was second in command of the Nagoya prisoner of war camp, was accused of brutal tortures of Americans and other Allied prisoners in charges filed today by the legal section of Allied Headquarters.

Mantani was accused of lighting combustible material and holding it against exposed parts of prisoners' bodies.—Associated Press.

Kure, Apr. 23. Major Gen. H. Nimmo, whose brigade was the first complete unit of British Commonwealth Occupation Forces to arrive in Japan, is planning to leave soon to assume the Northern Australian command, with headquarters in Brisbane.—Associated Press.

MEMBERS OF THE FOUR-POWER ALLIED COUNCIL IN JAPAN. "KNOW AND OPENLY ADMIT THAT UNLESS THERE IS A CHANCE IN GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S ATTITUDE THEY WILL BE HELD UP TO WORLD RIDICULE". THE TOKYO CORRESPONDENT OF THE "NEWS CHRONICLE" DECLARED TODAY.

HE QUOTED FIVE INSTANCES TO SUBstantiate THIS AND HIS STATEMENT THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR "RESENTS CRITICISM EITHER FROM HIS OWN STAFF, OR FROM OUTSIDERS".

First, he advised the State Department in October that he considered a new Allied control plan for Japan unacceptable, but that he would "try to make it work."

Second, he told the Four-Power Allied Council in Japan, appointed to advise him in carrying out Allied policy, that it was not appointed to divide Power Allied Council in Japan, but to advise. This, he stated, at the Council's inaugural meeting.

Third, he negated the expressed queries by the Far Eastern Commission about advising the holding of elections this month. On receiving his replies, the Commission decided not to oppose the elections, with New Zealand and Russia dissenting.

Fourth, he gave negative replies to three out of four suggestions at its first meeting. On the fourth suggestion, he gave a partly favourable reply.

Fifth, questions requesting information regarding many thousands of war guilty Japanese still in official positions in Japan drew flustered replies from the head of the Military Government.

Virtual Dictator

The correspondent added that General MacArthur's "virtual dictatorship" is giving Japan an American-flavoured constitution. "It is giving the country American libraries, American broadcasting programmes, American films, American news services, American statistical systems, American business service and American police system and an American education plan. Japan is thus well on the way to getting what is described as 'the American way of life'."

"The Crown Prince, who now has a British tutor, is about to have an American one. The Japanese have accepted all these things with open arms. Many are willing to accept anything offered by the Americans if it will help them to get plenty of food."—Reuter.

Australia And United States

London, Apr. 23. Prime Minister Churchill of Australia said today that Australia wanted the United States to take a greater interest in the Pacific than before the war, but that bases in that area should not necessarily belong to any one nation.

Mr. Churchill is in London for the opening of the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers today.

He said Australia was pressing strongly for determination of a general policy in the Pacific and indicated this would be a major consideration at the conference. He said Australia and New Zealand were in general agreement on Pacific matters.

The Australian minister for external affairs, Mr. Evatt, advocated a set-up similar to the Canadian-United States joint permanent defense board to carry out long-term international co-operation in maintaining peace in the South-east Pacific.—Associated Press.

Eisenhower To Visit Orient

Washington, Apr. 23. The War Department announced today that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, would leave this week for an inspection tour in the Pacific and Orient.

It said Eisenhower undoubtedly would see Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme Allied commander in Japan, during the tour. The itinerary is to be announced later but will include the principal stations of United States forces in the Far East theatre. The purpose of the trip is to see at first hand the problems and needs of the troops. He expects to be gone a month.—Associated Press.

THE MONTHS AHEAD ARE CRITICAL

(Continued from Page 1)

Supplies to Europe will include \$500,000 worth of clothing, most of which will go to Poland.

A Reuter despatch from Montreal says that 1,000,000 bushels of cereals destined for Europe's starving peoples are either in transit on Canadian canals, or now being loaded at Great Lakes ports for shipment to Montreal. Thousands of bushels are already on the way to Europe and several British merchantmen docked this week end.—Reuter.

Can't Meet Needs

Washington, Apr. 23. While President Truman reported to Congress yesterday on U. N. R. R. A. appropriations, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said it would not be possible for the wheat exporting countries to supply U. N. R. R. A. with the 700,000 tons of wheat and flour requested monthly.

Truman warned that only concerted action by the United Nations could alleviate the desperate conditions in the world. "We must not fail," he wrote in his report which, though dealing with the last quarter of 1945, obviously was based on the present more critical conditions.

Anderson told a news conference that U. N. R. R. A. will be allotted more than the \$40,000 tons previously promised it in April.

"There is simply not enough wheat in existence to give U. N. R. R. A. the amount it is asking," he warned, however.

Anderson said the combined food board on Wednesday expects to announce the allocation of cereals for the April-June emergency period. He added that the British and Canadian representatives may make known what steps they plan to match the action of the United States in reducing the domestic distribution of wheat.—Associated Press.

ATOM RESEARCH AND CANCER

Washington, April 23. The greatest benefit from the atomic programme may be in treatment of cancer and similar diseases, says a special War Department committee on atomic energy.

The report, quoted in the state Department's study on international control of atomic energy, also says there is "no foundation in current science for the hope" that atomic power can be used effectively for light, portable units for aircraft and automotive power.

"But," said the report, "we believe that the development of rather large power units for heat and conversion to electrical energy is a programme for the near future."

The scientists said they did not regard atomic energy as a competitor with coal and petroleum products but "as a supplement to existing sources, and an incentive to new development."

Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer, Dr. A. H. Compton and others prepared the report, which said "We should not be astonished if the greatest benefit of the atomic programme were in therapy of diseases, such as cancer," and in new understandings in biology, medicine, chemistry and physics.—Associated Press.

"BRAZEN EXAMPLE"

East Liverpool, Ohio, Apr. 23. A request from the State Department for aid in obtaining two ceramic engineers to be military advisors on technical problems of the Japanese pottery industry was rejected by Joseph Wells, chairman of the Labour Committee of the United States Pottery Association.

Wells said he told the State Department that the request was a "brazen example" of its "consuming desire to spend our people's tax money to take their jobs away."

Before the war, Japan was a competitor in the domestic pottery market.—Associated Press.

EAT LESS RICE CAMPAIGN

Canton, Apr. 23. An "eat less rice" campaign has been started in Canton, and the authorities have urged the people to make every Monday a "riceless" day.

The city's restaurants and tea-houses have been asked to refrain from selling cooked rice or any thing made from rice on that day. The police and officials of the Social Affairs Bureau will make inspections to see that the order is complied with.

RICE WINE

Canton, Apr. 23. Wine merchants and distillers here are hard hit by the Government order prohibiting the distilling and sale of wine in order to conserve rice for food.

An appeal has been made to the authorities to draw a distinction between wine distilled from rice and that distilled from other ingredients.

The matter is under consideration, but pending official sanction business is at a standstill.

Communist Pressure Increasing

CHUNGKING, APRIL 23. NEITHER GOVERNMENT NOR THE COMMUNISTS IN CHUNGKING HAD ANY FRESH WAR NEWS YESTERDAY FROM MANCHURIA. LATEST REPORTS SAID THAT COMMUNIST PRESSURE WAS INCREASING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT SPEARHEAD PROBING NORTH FROM BY-PASSED SZEPINGKAI.

Nationalist reports from Manchuria received in Peiping today declared that Chinese Communist troops are "gathering like clouds" in Kungchuling District, east of captured Changchun, with the Government's New First Army apparently making slow progress in its effort to reach the fallen capital.

The Peiping "People's Daily" reports that Government troops have reached Kungchuling (40 miles below Changchun) and are expected to engage in bitter fighting with the 80,000 Communist forces concentrated there.

Lieutenant-General Chao Chieh-shiang, acting commander of the Government's armies in the north-east, is due to fly from Mukden over the Changchun area today to survey the military situation there. A "New Life" correspondent described the five-United States newsmen

NO U.S. PLANE IN AREA

Tientsin, April 23. Major-General Rocky, commanding the U.S. Third Marine Amphibious Corps, denied today Chinese Communist charges that United States planes had strafed their forces in the fighting near Szepingkai last week.

He stated in a news conference here that no Marine plane had either strafed the Communist lines as charged, or been shot down as reported by Communist Headquarters.

He added that no Marine plane flew as far north as Mukden on either April 17 or April 19, the alleged dates of the incidents. Only unarmoured transport planes fly to Mukden, since United States carrier squadrons have been disarmed with the ending of the war, he declared.

In the meantime, a Central News despatch from Harbin said that Russian railway authorities on the Chinese Eastern Railway have consented to the use of jointly-managed trains to transport Central Government troops, but the consent is too late to change the situation materially at Changchun.—Associated Press.

Situation Still Snarled

Chungking, Apr. 23. China's political situation remained snarled yesterday as General George C. Marshall, President Truman's special envoy to China, held his first conference with General Chou En-lai, the Communist leader, since the former's return from Washington.

Neither Government nor Communist spokesmen reported any progress toward a solution either of the bigger political dispute or the heavy fighting in the Manchurian civil war.

A Communist spokesman said General Marshall listened to Chou En-lai explain the political and military situation in China from his party's viewpoint during the three-hour conference "without making any comment."

Chou En-lai disclosed, however, that Marshall had asked for Communist investigation of the assertion by Communist headquarters and newspapers that United States Army planes had strafed the Communist lines in the area of Szepingkai. Chou En-lai, disclaiming personal knowledge, radioed the field commander for a full report. He received a radio from Yanan stating that the five American correspondents whose whereabouts were earlier unknown were safe and well at Changchun.

A Government spokesman said that the Communist claim that United States Army aircraft were assisting the Government forces in Manchuria was a "complete fabrication." Marshall conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek yesterday afternoon.—Associated Press.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

LEGAL BRANCH

NOTICE

COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1932

The Companies Registry is now open for registration of new companies, filing annual returns and generally for the transaction of business.

The following registers and books have been recovered:

- 1 roll of Public and Private companies;
- 1 Limited Partnership Register;
- 1 Chinese Limited Partnership Register;
- 1 Register of Trust Companies;
- 7 Registers of Mortgages.

On the other hand none of the files of companies, other than those relating to companies which registered during the Japanese occupation, have been recovered so far and it is feared they may have perished. It is not known how far companies can supply this serious lacuna. It is obvious that if they cannot, legislation will be necessary. In order to be able to consider the form of such legislation, all companies which were registered on the 24th December, 1941, and are now carrying on or intend to resume business in the Colony are asked to furnish the following particulars to the Registrar of Companies:

1. Name of the Company;
2. Whether the Company is registered as a Public or a Private Company;
3. Names of persons acting as Directors of the Company;
4. Name of person acting as Secretary of the Company;
5. Registered Office;
6. Whether in possession or able to obtain:
 - (a) copies of Memorandum and Articles of Association;
 - (b) Share Register;
 - (c) Register of Charges;
 - (d) copies of annual Returns since the incorporation of the Company;
 - (e) Copies of—
 - (i) Special resolutions,
 - (ii) Extraordinary resolutions,
 - (iii) Resolutions which have been agreed to by all the members of a Company, but which, if not so agreed to, would not have been effective for their purpose unless they had been passed by some particular majority or otherwise in some particular manner, and all resolutions or agreements which effectively bind all the members of any class of shareholders though not agreed to by all those members.

While it is not proposed to penalise companies and directors who are endeavouring, in difficult circumstances, to comply with the law, it is obvious that the present position cannot be allowed to continue.

Dated the 23rd day of April, 1946.

H. A. de Barros Botelho,

Acting Registrar of Companies.

Jerusalem, Apr. 23.

After a five-hour discussion, the General Council of the Palestine Jewish Civil Service Association had tonight not reached a decision as to whether to accept the proposals submitted

in Changchun as being safe but without freedom of action.

North China Jitters

Approximately 100 Nationalist take-over officials are also detained there. The same paper carried reports from Harbin that a small number of Communists entered that city and demanded and obtained from the municipal authorities, 700,000 Gobi dollars, equivalent to U.S. \$4,500.

The capture of Changchun is reflected in the increasingly jittery Nationalist feeling in Mukden and North China. The defences of Tientsin have been tightened in preparation for whatever may occur.—Associated Press.

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NOTICE

As from Tuesday, April 23, the telephone numbers of THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK will be as follows:

30321
(FIVE LINES)

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

C.A. Medical Branch

NOTICE

On account of the danger of contracting gastro-intestinal diseases such as typhoid, dysentery and cholera, the public is warned against eating salads, uncooked vegetables, ice-cream and allied products, shell-fish and fruit, which is peeled or cut before purchase. Worm infections, which are commonly contracted through the consumption of salads and uncooked vegetables, are widespread at present.

J. P. FEHILY,
Colonel, R.S.M.C.,
D.D.M.S. (C.A.)

Hong Kong, April 17, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

MEDICAL BRANCH

NOTICE

Household Refuse

Attention is drawn to the present practice of depositing garbage and other household refuse in streets, yards and derelict building sites. Householders are reminded that such accumulations encourage the presence and breeding of rats, flies and mosquitoes, which apart from the nuisance caused to those in the immediate neighbourhood, are carriers of disease and constitute a grave menace to the health of the Colony. Every effort must therefore be made to deposit refuse in the vehicles which call daily for this purpose or, alternatively, to leave it available for collection in suitable containers.

J. P. FEHILY,
Colonel, R.A.M.C.,
D.D.M.S. (C.A.)

Hong Kong, April 18, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

IN THE MATTER OF The Alien Enemies (Winding Up) Ordinance, 1940

and IN THE MATTER of "Matusakaya" (In Liquidation)

and Hong Kong Products Association (Matusakaya) (In Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named alien enemy firms, whose assets are being liquidated under the above-named Ordinance, are required, on or before SATURDAY, the 27TH day of APRIL, 1946, being the day for that purpose fixed by LANE CRAWFORD LTD. of Exchange Building, 1st floor, Hong Kong, the Liquidators of the said firms, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, if they have not already done so, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidators, are by their solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 18th day of April, 1946.

For Lane Crawford, Ltd.

A. W. BROWN,

Liquidators.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, 24th April.			
Macao & Tientsin	Kwong Sai	9.00 a.m.	
Haiphong	Oradon	10.00 a.m.	
Swatow	Takong	2.00 p.m.	
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok & Saigon	By Air	1.45 p.m.	(Reg.)
Canton	By Train	2.00 p.m.	(Ord.)
		4.00 p.m.	
Thursday, 25th April.			
Macao & Tientsin	Kwong Fook Cheung	9.00 a.m.	
Formosa	Tak King Wo	10.00 a.m.	
Straits & Calcutta	Yuenang	11.30 a.m.	
		2.00 p.m.	(Parcels)
Hoibow	Chip Sun	2.30 p.m.	(Parcels)
Australia via Sydney	H.M.S. Whitesand Bay	3.45 p.m.	(Reg.)
		3.00 p.m.	(Ord.)
Airmail for Canton, Chungking & Kunming	C.N.A.C. Plane	3.15 p.m.	(Reg.)
Konmoon	Pook Poi	3.30 p.m.	(Ord.)
Canton	By Train	4.00 p.m.	
Friday, 26th April.			
Macao & Tientsin	Kwong Sai	9.00 a.m.	
Canton	Sai On	10.00 a.m.	
Bangkok	Nieghai	2.00 p.m.	
Shanghai	Tsina	2.00 p.m.	
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore & Sydney	By Air	1.45 p.m.	(Reg.)
Canton	By Train	2.00 p.m.	(Ord.)
		4.00 p.m.	
Saturday, 27th April.			
Macao & Tientsin	Kwong Fook Cheung	9.00 a.m.	
Airmail for Canton & Shanghai	C.N.A.C. Plane	3.15 p.m.	(Reg.)
Canton	Fatahan	3.30 p.m.	(Ord.)
		4.00 p.m.	
Sunday, 28th April.			
Saigon & Bangkok	Edna	10.00 a.m.	
Monday, 29th April.			
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore & Sydney	By Air	1.45 p.m.	(Reg.)
		2.00 p.m.	(Ord.)
Tuesday, 30th April.			
Airmail for Shanghai	C.N.A.C. Plane	3.15 a.m.	(Reg.)
Haiphong and Saigon	Earpen	3.30 a.m.	(Ord.)
		10.00 a.m.	
Wednesday, 1st May.			
Swatow & Amoy	Anhui	4.5-10.00 a.m.	
Utrala, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Europe & United Kingdom via Liverpool	Lycosa	4.5-2.48 p.m.	(Reg.)
		4.5-9.00 p.m.	(Ord.)

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received
instructions from the Custodian
of Property to sell by Public
Auction, commencing at 10.30
a.m.,

on WEDNESDAY,
the 24th April, 1946,
at the premises of
**CHINA PROVIDENT
GODOWNS 39 AND 40,
KENNEDY TOWN,**

55 Lots of Miscellaneous Goods,
comprising:—

Newspapers,
Chinese Letter Paper,
Printed Forms,
Chinese Inkpots,
Shipping Tags,
Mosquito Destroyer,
Stencil Boards,
Duplicating Outfits,
Glassware and Chinaware,
Empty Drums,
Knapok,
Rubber Shoes,
Etc., Etc.

The above Premises will be
open to inspection on 22nd and
23rd April, 1946, between
10.00 a.m. and Noon, and
between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the
Conditions of Sale published in
the 9th March, 1946, issue of
the Gazette.

A. E. B. de SOUSA,
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Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1946.

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U.S. Car
Production
New High

Detroit, Apr. 23.
Ward's Automotive Reports
today estimated this week's pro-
duction of passenger automo-
biles and trucks in the United
States and Canada at 57,565
units, the highest single week's
output thus far in the car in-
dustry's post-war operations.

The previous high was last
week's 49,425 vehicles. In the
comparable week of 1941, which
was the last full year of car
manufacturing, factories as-
sembled 99,945 units. The
highest week's production of
1941 was 134,682 cars and
trucks assembled in the period
ending June 14.

Ward's commented that "the
mounting wave of strikes in
component producing plants and
shortages of basic materials are
holding schedules to less than
half the industry's present ca-
pacity." The effects of the
prevailing coal strike are also
seen.—Associated Press.

Chicago Grains

Chicago, Apr. 22.
Another jump in the five-cent
limited permitted in one session
was recorded by May Rye in its
second consecutive day of a five-
cent gain by contract following last
Friday's announcement of the
government programme for com-
bating famine in Europe and Asia.
May Rye was quoted at \$2.58-5/8
per bushel, setting a new all-time
high.

Prices in the Chicago Grain Ex-
change closed as follows:
Wheat:—July \$1.83 1/2 per bushel,
September \$1.83 1/2, December
\$1.83 1/2, May (1947) \$1.83 1/2.
Rye:—May \$2.58 5/8, July \$1.48 1/2,
September \$0.48 1/2, December
\$1.48 1/2.

Corn:—May \$1.21 1/2, July
\$1.21 1/2, September \$1.21 1/2,
Barley:—May \$1.26 1/2, July
\$1.26 1/2, September \$1.26 1/2, Decem-
ber \$1.26 1/2.

Oats:—May \$0.83, July \$0.82 1/2,
September \$0.80 1/2, December
\$0.80 1/2.—Associated Press.

TREASURY POSITION

Washington, Apr. 22.
The position of the Treasury on
April 18 compared with the cor-
responding date a year ago was as
follows:

(This year) (last year)
Total debt: \$274,351,921,000 \$235,485,504,000
Gold Assets: \$20,250,844,000 \$20,395,806,000
—Associated Press.

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and Appraisers,
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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received
instructions from The Custodian
of Property to sell by Public
Auction on

Friday, the 26th April, 1946
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at the Premises of
The Kung On Godown.

The Praya, West Point,
**MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,
14 LOTS OF**

comprising:—
Account Books,
Stationery,
Straw Matting,
Broken Furniture,
Cow Hide,
Oil Residues,
Cotton Rags
and
Old Iron Hoops
Etc., Etc.

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Call For Return To
Private Trade

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23.
THE UNITED STATES HAS INFORMED GOVERNMENTS
WHICH HAVE PURCHASING MISSIONS IN THIS
COUNTRY THAT IT HOPES THEY WILL SHUT
THEM DOWN AND THAT TRADE WILL BE RESTOR-
ED TO PRIVATE CHANNELS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
PURCHASES OF FOOD AND GOVERNMENT SURPLUS
PROPERTY ARE EXCEPTED. THE ADMINISTRATION
IS OPPOSED TO PLANS FOR TURNING TEMPORARY
WAR-TIME PURCHASING AGENCIES INTO PER-
MANENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Export and Import Bank
half-yearly report states: "Ex-
porters generally fear that the
activities of missions may lead to
their permanent establish-
ment as the regular or principal
channels through which coun-
tries will carry out their future
trade with the United States."

Many purchasing missions de-
signed to meet the exigencies of
war-time procurement would
need to continue operations dur-
ing the transitional period.
These should be subject to con-
ditions.

Export and Import Bank offi-
cials say that six months should
be an adequate transitional
period. The report also states:
"In making reconstruction loans
to liberated and war-devastated
countries the Export and Import
Bank has been guided by a de-
sire to restore foreign trade to
private channels as quickly as
possible."

Governments' Right

American officials realise that
other Governments have a per-
fect right to determine their
own purchasing methods. They
wonder if those Governments
accept the corollary that the
United States has a perfect
right to determine her selling
policies and credit programme?
The problem, if not carefully
handled, is likely to arouse anger
on both sides of the Atlantic
and complaints of outside pres-
sure on domestic policies.

London reports that the Brit-
ish Government favours central-
ised bulk-buying for many pro-
ducts have created an unfavour-
able reaction. It is argued that
the purpose and spirit of the
British loan agreement was to
enable Britain to return to nor-
mal private methods.

Battle In
Detroit

Detroit, Apr. 23.
The biggest and probably one
of the bitterest battles in auto-
mobile manufacturing history is
beginning to take shape as the
Chevrolet division of the Gen-
eral Motors Corporation and the
Ford Motor Company prepare
to battle for leadership in the
low-priced field.

The fight is expected to get
under way in earnest when all
obstacles are eliminated and
output is resumed.

Chevrolet gets the lion's share
of approximately \$600,000,000
that General Motors has set
aside for post-war expansion;
Ford has an estimated \$20,000-
000.

In addition to their standard
models, both have announced
plans for production, perhaps in
1947, of new low-priced, light-
weight cars. No details have
been disclosed. It has been
suggested in several industry
circles that the new units may
be just what Ford and Chev-
rolet will need to carry their
battle for leadership into the
foreign as well as the domestic
market.—Associated Press.

N. Y. COTTON

New York, Apr. 22.
Liquidation and hedging in-
creased materially near the close of
the cotton futures market today, send-
ing prices down 0.55 to \$1.45 a
bale at the end of the session.
The expected unfavorable devel-
opments at Washington in con-
nection with the Senate action on
the Price Control Bill was among
the factors making for the in-
creasing selling, brokers said.
May \$27.65 cents per pound, July
\$27.79/82, October \$27.83, Decem-
ber \$27.82, March \$27.82/80, May
\$27.81, Midland Spot \$28.26.
—Associated Press.

RETAIL PRICES

Washington, Apr. 23.
The Office of Price Adminis-
tration announced today that
retail prices for the new Pack-
ard automobiles will range from
\$171 to \$307 higher than 1942
prices. The new prices apply
to cars built by the Packard
Company prior to the recent
wage increase. OPA said. OM-
cials said this means there may
be a further increase later.
Associated Press.

U.S. Foreign
Loans

Washington, Apr. 23.
It was learned yesterday that
the Export-Import Bank of
Washington is being pushed to
let the general investing public
participate in its loan to foreign
nations.

At the moment the bank is
under strong pressure from
other government agencies to
open its \$200,000,000 loan to
the Netherlands Government
for wider participation by pri-
vate banks, trust funds and in-
dividual corporations. This was
reported by government officials
not connected with the bank who
said the movement sprang from
the National Advisory Council
on international monetary and
financial problems—so-called
"N.A.C."—headed by Secretary
of the Treasury Fred Vinson.

Some officials noted that the
adoption of such general policy
might permit private sharing in
the \$1,000,000,000 loan asked
by Russia.
Holland has a good credit
record and the rapid improve-
ment since the war of many of
her bonds are potentially accept-
able to private buyers. N.A.C.
members contend.—Associated
Press.

N.Y. STOCK
MARKETS

New York, Apr. 22.
Fractional advances predomina-
ted in the New York stock market
today. Closing prices were:—
Adams Express \$23 1/4, Alaska
Juneau \$9, American Can \$98 1/2,
American Smelting and Refining
\$104, American Tobacco \$94 1/2,
American Waterworks \$28 1/2,
Anaconda Copper \$47 1/2, Aviation
Corporation \$12 1/2, Baldwin \$31 1/2,
Barnes \$28 1/2, Borden Co. \$55 1/2,
Canadian Pacific \$20 1/2, J. I. Case
\$47, Chrysler \$133, Corn Pro-
ducts \$26 1/2, DuPont \$26 1/2, Eastman Ko-
dak \$26 1/2, Electric Light & Power
\$28 1/2, General Electric \$47 1/2,
General Motors \$74 1/2, Goodrich
\$82, Goodyear \$76 1/2, Homestake
Mining \$28 1/2, International Har-
vester \$96 1/2, International Paper
\$51 1/2, International Tel. & Tel.
\$25 1/2, Johns Manville \$162 1/2, Ken-
necott Copper \$59, Montgomery
Ward \$92 1/2, National Distillers
\$70 1/2, National Lead \$38 1/2, New
York Central RR \$27 1/2, Packard
Motors \$10 1/2, Pan-American Air-
ways \$21 1/2, Pennsylvania RR
\$42 1/2, Radio Corp \$10 1/2, Real Silk
\$31, Republic Steel \$33 1/2, Reynolds
Tobacco \$44 1/2, Schenley \$77, Sears
Roebuck \$45 1/2, Shely Oil \$39,
Westinghouse \$34 1/2, Youngstown
Sheet & Tube \$71 1/2.—Associated
Press.

FACILITIES SAVING

Detroit, Apr. 23.
Apprehensive of a possible
steel famine, the automobile in-
dustry, which has been operat-
ing for months under restrict-
ed supplies, is wasting none of
its available stock.

The Dodge division of Chry-
sler Corporation reports con-
servatism in its pressed steel
department is saving 300 tons
of steel weekly and not a pound
is wasted.

Other units of the industry
are making similar use of every
piece of metal that can be
utilized.

The steel shortage continues
to limit production in all car-
making companies.—Associated
Press.

N. Y. EXCHANGES

New York, Apr. 22.
Foreign Exchange Market clos-
ing rates:—
L.T. on Montreal \$90.81 1/2, Lon-
don, mutilated, Paris \$0.84 1/2,
Buenos Aires \$24.46, Rio de
Janeiro \$5.25, Mexico \$20.65.
—Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans, Apr. 22.
Cotton futures, closed \$0.35 1/2
to \$0.75 a bale lower.
May \$27.65 bid—cents per pound,
July \$27.79, October \$27.76/70,
December.—Associated Press.

BRIDGE
NOTES

"This type of hand always
brings us to grief," writes a Con-
necticut reader. "Even if we
land in the right contract, it's by
guesswork rather than skill."
North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable.

S. K 10 7 3
H. A Q 4
D. 8
C. A K J 10 2
S. 9 10 2
H. 10 8 5
D. A J 9 10 2
C. 8 5 5
N. 9 10 2
H. 10 8 5
D. A J 9 10 2
C. 8 5 5
S. 9 10 2
H. 10 8 5
D. A J 9 10 2
C. 8 5 5
S. 9 10 2
H. 10 8 5
D. A J 9 10 2
C. 8 5 5

The bidding:

North East South West
1C Pass 1H Pass
3C Pass 3NT Pass

"West led a diamond, and the
enemy took the first five tricks
with great gusto. As you'll note,
we had game in spades, hearts, or
clubs—but not no-trump. But it
all seemed quite logical to us
then, and we still don't see how
we could have avoided the danger
of a setup suit being run against
us."

"South pointed out that I might
very well have held a singleton
heart and three diamonds to the
Ace-Queen. In that event no-
trump would be the right spot for
the hand. And, from my point
of view, South's spade and dia-
mond holdings might have been
exchanged, and then again no-
trump would be the right con-
tract."

"Our trouble is that we some-
times get to a suit contract and
sometimes to a no-trump contract
on hands of this sort. But even
when the contract is correct, it's
more by luck than brains. Isn't
there a safer way to make this
sort of decision?"
There is. North's second bid
should be one spade rather than
three clubs. Then if South bids
one no-trump, he promises at
least a semi-stopper in diamonds.
Actually, South should bid two
clubs over one spade—hinting, by
avoiding no-trump, that he is
weak in the unbid suit. Then
North bids three hearts—indicat-
ing, by bidding three hearts, ex-
treme shortness in the fourth suit.
Then—there-on—South's bidding
might lead to any suit game con-
tract, but it would not lead to
game in no-trump unless he had a
sure stopper in diamonds.

Yesterday you were Merwin
Maler's partner and, with neither
side vulnerable, you held:

S. A J 10 3 2
H. K Q 5
D. K Q 10 2
C. J 4

The bidding:

Schenken You Jacoby Maler
Pass 1S Pass 2C
2D Pass 3D 3S
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades.
Partner's reopening bid shows a
strong hand with good chances
for game so you must find some
rebid. With a slightly stronger
diamond holding, you would pre-
fer the rebid of two no-trump; as
it is, your better course is to
show that your spades are rebi-
dable.

Score 100 per cent for two
spades, 60 per cent for two no-
trump, 30 per cent for three
clubs, 20 per cent for pass.

Question

Today you hold the same hand,
but the bidding is different:
Schenken You Jacoby Maler
Pass 1S Pass 2C
2D Pass 3D 3S
Pass (?)
What do you bid? (Answer
Tomorrow).

SHIPPING
MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Yesterday:—S.S. Sam Dauntless
from Milke, U.S.S. Currier, S.S.
Mardda from Australia and S.S.
William Sprule from Shanghai.

Scheduled Arrivals
Today:—U.S. L.S.T. 404, 622,
641, 610 & 655, U.S.S. Obstructor,
H.M.S. Whimbrel from Fratas, S.S.
Crista and S.S. Edna from Singa-
pore.
Tomorrow:—U.S.S. Ashtasula,
H.M.S. Comet from Hainan, R.F.A.
Wave Governor from Singapore,
S.S. Melkon from Saigon, and
S.S. Wasdale Park from Saigon.

Departures

Yesterday:—H.M.A.S. Murchi-
son for Moratal, L.S.T. (L) 172
for Canton and L.S.T. 4011 for
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TRUMAN AT SEA

Norfolk, Va., Apr. 23.
President Truman boarded the aircraft carrier *Rowan* at 2.10 p.m. G.M.T. (11.10 p.m. H.K. Time) on Monday and within half an hour the flagship of the 8th Fleet was under way for the Virginia capes. —Associated Press.

HE WENT TO THE DOGS

Birmingham, April 23.
In spite of his war experiences, which provided plenty of excitement, Albert Andrews, Military Medal and Bar aged 30, must still have thrills — so he went to the "dogs" to get them.

He is now a clerk but his Army record formed part of the story told to the Birmingham Standard when he was fined 40 shillings for stealing £1-7s-6d. from his former landlady. He told the police that he had spent it on "the dogs".

Detective J. Ross said that Andrews joined the Army at 15 and went to France soon after the outbreak of war. He was taken prisoner at Dunkirk but soon after the fall of France escaped from Aachen. Back in France he worked with the underground movement, carrying out sabotage for which he was later awarded the Military Medal. He served for eighteen months with Maquis, then got into Spain and was arrested at Barcelona.

On D-Day he went to France again and for bravery on that day was awarded a bar to his medal. He was wounded in Normandy. —Reuter.

"Hell-Fire Corner" Controversy

(By Charles Lynch)

Dover, April 23.

Things are far from quiet today in what not so long ago was Britain's "Hellfire Corner." The days of the hectic aerial dogfights are over, and the 16-inch shells from Calais and Cap Gris Nez whine no more. The towering White Cliffs, where Battle of Britain observers once huddled, now are peaceful and deserted, littered with rusted barbed wire, pitted with shell holes and half-filled anti-tank ditches.

But Dover, hotspot of war's Hellfire Corner, is in the throes of a controversy that has the town in an uproar, and has held up reconstruction. Basis of the dispute is the town council's plan to finish what the Germans started — to pull down the buildings still standing in the heart of Dover, and rebuild the town on modern plans drawn up by the well-known architect, Sir Patrick Abercrombie.

The Dover Chamber of Commerce and individual property holders have banded together to fight the proposal, which must be approved by the Ministry of Town and Country Planning before actual work can begin. The Ministry has already held a public enquiry at which tempers ran high.

The Germans destroyed 800 buildings in the Central Dover area. It is now proposed to pull down the 700 that the Germans missed. Meanwhile, the dispute is holding up the work of reconstruction in Britain's most-shelled town.

There has been no rapid healing of Dover's wartime scars. Many buildings stand just as the shells left them, with huge gaping holes and dangling girders. The gaunt shells of gutted hotels stand untouched on the waterfront. In the fields around the town, large shellholes remain unfilled, their chalky whiteness in bright contrast to the green grass.

There is no lack of manpower, Dover is one of the few towns in England with a manpower surplus — and an unemployment problem.

Did Favour

At the reconstruction enquiry, members of the Town Council

said in effect that the Germans had done Dover a favour in the long run by knocking down hundreds of obsolete buildings. They proposed that the job started by the 16-inch German cannon should be completed by the people of Dover themselves — a plan which would pull down new streets built, and the heart of the town reconstructed.

In addition, it was proposed to move the historic market place — something the Germans failed to do, although they landed dozens of shells in it. The Germans missed Igglesden's Corner, where David Copperfield is said to have rested; but now the Town Council proposes to demolish it. Dover's single remaining brewery survived the shelling, but the new plans call for its demolition. Five churches would also disappear.

Dover unquestionably is one of the most heavily damaged towns in Britain. But opponents of the reconstruction plan have stated publicly that it was not an area of extensive war damage, and therefore not subject to large-scale reconstruction. They advocate letting existing buildings stand, and building new ones piecemeal in the vacant spaces. —Reuter.

NEW YORK, APRIL 23.

ANGLO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SHOULD BE THE ROCK UPON WHICH TO BUILD PEACE, LORD HALIFAX SAID LAST NIGHT IN A FAREWELL SPEECH AS BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

ADDRESSING THE PILGRIMS SOCIETY, LORD HALIFAX SAID: "FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS INSPIRED BY NO SELFISH MOTIVE. IT IS NOT AN END BUT A BEGINNING. IT HAS NO OTHER OBJECT THAN TO STRENGTHEN AND REINFORCE THE WILL AND WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH OUR LOYALTY IS PLEDGED."

"At the same time," Lord Halifax continued, "the future course of history for the American and British peoples, and perhaps for the world, depends on whether Britain and America can retain in peacetime the cooperation developed during the war."

Emphasizing that the two nations shared many common properties, including language, history, and a belief in freedom, Lord Halifax warned his listeners that he would frankly discuss other aspects of Anglo-American relations.

"It is sometimes said, for instance, that the British are hide-bound by tradition, and yet recent events have shown them to be very ready to make experiments both political and economic," he declared.

Think The Same

"On the other hand we are often told that Americans dislike tradition, yet this alleged repugnance is hardly compatible with the various survivals and landmarks of the past."

"One overwhelming fact emerged from any study of relations between the two nations," he said, "on the vital issue, that has developed in his-

tory, he could hardly recall an occasion when we have returned a different answer.

"We think the same way because our thought has been shaped by the same invisible forces." —Associated Press.

Last Hope

Lord Halifax said that the United Nations Organisation "is in truth the last and best hope of the world."

"But if the charter of world peace is to be worth more than the ink with which it is written," he added, "it must carry the endorsement of purpose, friendship and understanding of the peoples who sign it."

"With that, all that we hoped for is possible, without it nothing. It must take time for the new mould to set but let our two nations who already have so much in common lead the way."

"The way of co-operation and understanding is not always easy. However complete our agreement on large issues, on minor questions we shall often differ — so in the pattern of Anglo-American relations we shall welcome variety as long as the pattern remains, and we shall not fear differences as long as behind them there is this common and compelling purpose."

Lord Halifax stated that while as Ambassador, he had visited every state in the Union, which, as British Ambassadors go, "I think constitutes a record."

Lord Halifax, who retires at the end of the month, will be succeeded by Lord Inverchapel, who as Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, was Britain's wartime ambassador to the Soviet Union. —Reuter.

DREAMING OF A NEW WAR?

Moscow, April 23.

Reactionary circles in Britain and the United States are dreaming of a new war, "Blok Not Agitators" (Agitators' Notebook) — the political journal of the Moscow Committee of the Communist Party, said in its issue of today.

"The Soviet Union is now the mightiest political, military, and economic force, without which it is impossible to decide important economic questions," the article said.

"This evokes malice in foreign reactionary circles. These circles in the United States and Britain and other countries are doing all they can to arrest the inexorable process of historical development."

"They are dreaming of a new war — a war desired by certain political groups in Britain and the United States representing the interests of the most aggressive circles of financial and industrial capitalism, desirous of seizing new markets and new colonies, and subjugating other nations."

"Soviet foreign policy has no other aim than that of guaranteeing security for our own country, consolidating peace throughout the world and strengthening friendship among nations." —Reuter.

Melbourne, Apr. 23.
Professor Bernard Heinze, of the Melbourne University, Conservatorium, is to visit next November as a guest of the conductor of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. This is the first time that such an invitation has been sent to an Australian-born musician. —Reuter.

MURDER PLOT

Frankfurt, Apr. 23.
Eighty former German officers were seized in Upper Bavaria recently while they were plotting the assassination of Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner, Minister President of Bavaria, according to a Bavarian Civil Government official, quoted by the United States Information Control Division. The disclosure first appeared in a newspaper at Landshut, Bavaria, which called the murder ring a "werewolf organization" and said that it had drawn up a list of more than 400 people, including Dr. Hoegner, who were to be killed. —Reuter.

MILLIONAIRE DISAPPEARS

Toronto, April 23.

The disposal of oriental gems and art treasures over half a million dollars in value is a problem presented to the Vancouver Customs officials by the disappearance of Henri Bar, French millionaire, from a small passenger ship which has just reached Vancouver from Shanghai.

Bar, head of the Franco-Chinese Bank in Shanghai, failed to return from a stroll on deck when the vessel was six days out at sea, according to the ship's officers.

The French Consul at Vancouver said that Bar was a widower whose only son was killed in the war and that there were no known heirs. Bar has been presumed dead and the treasure which belonged to him have been put under bond. —Reuter.

LIONEL ATWILL DEAD

Hollywood, Apr. 23.
Lionel Atwill, 61-year-old veteran actor of stage and screen, died yesterday night of pneumonia. The late Mr. Atwill was born in Croydon, England and began his stage career there in 1904. He arrived in Hollywood in 1932. —Associated Press.

No Partition In Palestine

Lausanne, April 23.

The Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine report will suggest that Palestine should come under United Nations trusteeship when this council is set up, according to well-informed Zionist quarters here today. Until that time, Palestine would continue under the mandate system.

The report also will suggest, according to these quarters, that 100,000 Jews should be given facilities to enter Palestine immediately.

All plans for the partition of Palestine were rejected by the Commission, they said. It was learned that the Zionists will reject the recommendation on the ground that it does not fulfil their demand for the setting up of an independent Jewish state.

Jewish quarters here add that the report was unanimously adopted by the Commission. —Reuter.

Baghdad, Apr. 23.

The Iraq-Transjordan talks on the future of both countries, which opened in Baghdad at Amman, capital of Transjordan, between Emir Abdullah of Transjordan and Emir Abdul Allah, Regent of Iraq, will be resumed here in the first week of May, the newspaper "Al Zaman" reported today. —Reuter.

Calcutta, Apr. 23.

Two thousand strikers struck work here today demanding more pay and a reduction of working hours. They said that they would attend to firealls but not to other duties on the first two days of the strike but from the third day, the strike would be complete and firealls would not be answered. —Reuter.

SPORTS SECTION

Charlton Drop A Home Point

LONDON, APRIL 22.

THE THIRD EASTER WEEKEND FOOTBALL PROGRAMME WAS MAINLY INTERESTING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP STRUGGLES BUT WHEREAS THE NORTHERN IS VIRTUALLY SETTLED THROUGH THE AMAZING CRASH OF EVERTON AT HOME, THE STRUGGLE IN THE SOUTH REMAINS UNCERTAIN WITH THE CUP FINALISTS CHARLTON DROPPING A HOME POINT. IN THE NORTH, SHEFFIELD UNITED DROPPED A HOME POINT BUT OWING TO THE EVERTON RESULT THE YORKSHIREMEN HAVE A THREE POINT LEAD WITH BOTH HAVING ONLY TWO GAMES TO PLAY.

HOME RUGBY

London, Apr. 23.

Results of rugby matches played today:

Rugby Union: Bath 17 Old Merchant Taylors 10. Bedford 25 Wakefield 9. Bristol 6 Newbridge 14. Camborne 0 Plymouth Albion 0. Cardiff 14 Harlequins 6. Cheltenham 0 Gwynnabylas 12 Old Blues 8. Exeter 8 Leicester 6. Falmouth 3 St. Mary's Hospital 24. Gloucester 26 London 18. Llanelli 30 Northampton 6. Heath 20 Royal Air Force 0. New Brighton 5. Wansley 18. Newport 12 London Welsh 0. Penzance and Newlyn 12 Old Blues 8. Pontypool 6. Crosskeys 3. Sale 17 Rosslyn Park 5. Swansea 4. Barbarians 11. Torquay Athletic 29 Brighton 0. Waterloo 11 Coventry 0. Weston-super-Mare 13 Leicester Barbarians 3.

Rugby League: Bradford Northern 5 Wakefield Trinity 22. Bramley 3 Featherstone Rovers 16. Castleford 10 Leeds 0. Dewsbury 10 Broughton Rangers 8. Huddersfield 45 Barrow 5. Kingston 10. Workington Town 15. Hull 21 Halifax 9. Oldham 13. Keighley 23 Rochdale Hornets 3. Liverpool Stanley 0. Salford 16. Wigan 3. St. Helen's 15. Batley 7. Warrington 16. Swinton 9. York 8 Hull Kingston Rovers 13. —Reuter.

U.S. Baseball

New York, Apr. 23.

Yesterday's baseball: —
National League: R H E
Boston 4 9 1
Brooklyn 5 10 1
St. Louis 4 10 1
Cincinnati 1 6 0
New York 7 6 0
Philadelphia 1 7 2
American League: R H E
Philadelphia 1 7 2
New York 2 7 2
Detroit 4 7 0
Chicago 0 6 1
Washington 4 8 0
Boston 5 8 1
No other games scheduled.

No-Hits, No-Runs

Portland, Oregon, Apr. 23.
Ad Liska, starting his eleventh season with the Portland club, Sunday pitched the first no-hit, no-run game in the Pacific Coast baseball league here in 36 years. Portland beat Hollywood, 1 to 0.
At Oakland, Calif., Ruggie Ardozo, fresh from the New York Yankees, pitched a one-hit game, giving Oakland a 4 to 0 victory over the league-leading San Francisco.
Leo Jones pitched a one-hit game, giving Seattle a 1 to 0 victory over San Diego. —Associated Press.

FRANCE V. WALES

Paris, Apr. 23.

France beat Wales by 12 points to 0 in a Rugby Union international played at Colombes Stadium here this afternoon before 25,000 spectators. France scored a goal, a try and a dropped goal. —Reuter.

Rangoon, Apr. 23.

An amnesty granted to political offenders except those accused of murder or of violent crimes, is expected in well-informed quarters here to be applied to members of the puppet Burmese Government under the Japanese, when they return to Rangoon shortly. The members include Ba Maw, puppet Prime Minister, and Dr. Thoin Maung, puppet Burmese Ambassador to Japan. —Reuter.

CROWD OF 100,000

Hurst Park, Apr. 23.
A record that may stand for all time was established at Hurst Park Race Course today when a crowd, officially estimated at 100,000, flocked to see the second day's racing of the first London meeting for six years. By order of the police, the Silver Ring and members' enclosure had to be closed.

In another day of sunshine, racours were offered a full card, including two high class handicaps. From packed-to capacity stands and from the roofs of air raid shelters in the park, they cheered home the truly great sprinter Honeyway to win the 22,000 Victory Cup run over seven furlongs.

Lord Milford nearly retired his four-year-old to stud at the beginning of the season but decided to keep him in training. Honeyway, carrying topweight and starting a 3-1 favourite, was brilliantly ridden by E. P. H. Smith. His nearest opponent at the finish was the 13 to 1 chance Careless Child, who was two lengths behind with the aged sprinter Sir Edward one and a half length further away. Third, Honeyway is by Fairway out of Honey Buzzard.

Mr. J. Hockman's Trumvir, who won the other big handicap, the Queen's Prize, run over two miles, is one of the greatest horses in training. It was his fourth race in three weeks.

Starting at 100 to 8, he beat Acceleration in a great race by a neck with the Gackwar of Baroda's Squadron three lengths behind, third.

Tommy Carey rode the winner who is by Trindon out of Mel des Alpes.

The backers of champion jockey Gordon Richards had a lean time. His only winner was in a two-year-old race on the two to five favourite, Top Walk, which was lucky to win. —Reuter.

DOES SHE STILL DO IT?

Chicago, Apr. 23.
Herbert Naiditch solved his biggest golf hazard by marrying the girl.

While an army sergeant Naiditch, playing in an English course, was whacked on the ankle by a drive from a four-same playing behind him. The next day he limped out again and was struck again in the head. A pretty girl had hit both drives. Six months later they married. —Associated Press.

DAVIS CUP

Melbourne, Apr. 23.
Alterations to the stands at the Kooyong Courts here to accommodate an additional 62,000 to 70,000 people for the challenge round of the Davis Cup Tennis Matches have been approved. These additions will add 100 feet to the length of the stand which will be made between 20 and 30 feet higher. —Reuter.

RADIO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th 1946.
STUDIO-HARRY ORES AT THE PIANO.

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8.30 p.m. — Daily Program: Sun Mary.
10.30 p.m. — "Music From The Films".
1.00 p.m. — News & Announcements.
1.10 p.m. — Mantovani & His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m. — Tchaikovsky — Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71A, 1812 Overture.

2.00 p.m. — Close Down.
6.00 p.m. — "The Vagabond King" — ENB.
7.00 p.m. — London Relay — Jack Benny Program.
7.30 p.m. — Studio — Harry Ore at the Piano.
8.00 p.m. — London Relay — News.
8.15 p.m. — Intercom.
8.30 p.m. — Classical Request Hour.
9.00 p.m. — Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
9.45 p.m. — A Variety Program.
10.00 p.m. — London Relay — News.
10.05 p.m. — Variety Program (Continued).
10.15 p.m. — Music For Dancing.
11.00 p.m. — Close Down.

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